

Friday, March 9, 1849.

THE INAUGURAL.

Our readers will find in to-day's Journal, President Taylor's Inaugural Address, which was delivered on the 5th March, in presence of both Houses of Congress, and a large number of spectators. With the exception of the particular and professional reference to the "Army and Navy," and "the improvement of Harbors and Rivers," we cannot find, in such a combination of generalities, much either to approve or condemn. It possesses all the brevity of Gen. Taylor's revised publications. The apparent sincerity of purpose, which is, in fact, its leading feature, is worthy the occupant of so exalted an office. Like the glorious sun, whose beams are illuminating us this day, the administration of Gen. Taylor opens with rich promises of usefulness and honor. Scarcely a cloud is to be seen in the political horizon; God grant that we may never have occasion to call the public notice to the alarming growth and blackness of a little speck, which, unless we mistake not, will yet deluge us in the horrors of tempest and ruin.

RECEPTION OF MR. POLK.

At ten o'clock, on Wednesday morning last, the loud boom of the signal gun at the Railroad Depot announced the arrival of North Carolina's distinguished son, Ex-President James K. Polk, and his Suite—consisting of Hon. R. J. WALKER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. Polk was received at the Depot, by the Commissioners, and in a neat speech the hospitalities and freedom of the town were tendered to him by JAMES T. MILLER, Esq., Magistrate of Police.

A procession was then formed at the Depot, which escorted the President and Suite, in carriages, to Mrs. SWANN'S Hotel, where in the presence of a large multitude of persons of both sexes, they were welcomed in a highly eloquent and creditable manner by WILLIAM HILL, Esq., and at 12 o'clock he received visitors at the Masonic Hall.

During the passage of the procession Mr. Polk was received with every demonstration of respect and applause, by the vast concourse of persons who filled the side walks and balconies, from which many a "snaky scarf fluttered to the breeze." Without regard to all former differences of opinion, every one seemed anxious to do him honor.

We publish below the speeches of the occasion, or rather a synopsis of them, kindly reported for us on the spot, by a friend. We know that we but reflect the common sentiment and feeling of the entire community, when we welcome Mr. Polk to this his native soil, and wish him and his lady every happiness, in a retirement rendered necessary by the cares of office, and honorable in the retrospect of public services of a high and meritorious character.

Soon after the arrival of the Ex-President, the Steamer from Charleston hove in sight, and when she touched her wharf, a committee were in attendance to wait on the committee of Invitation from Charleston—consisting of Col. Andrews, Messrs. Cooper, Gray, Macbeth, and Cogbelle—to whom the hospitalities of the Town were extended. They were then escorted in Carriages to the Rooms provided for them, and at half past 12 o'clock were presented to Mr. Polk, at Masonic Hall, where Col. Andrews tendered to him, in an appropriate speech, the hospitalities of our sister City, Charleston; to which Mr. Polk, in his usually graceful style, responded, accepting the invitation.

(REPORTED FOR THE JOURNAL.)

MR. HILL'S ADDRESS.

MR. POLK—I have the honor to tender to you the welcome of my fellow-citizens of Wilmington, and to express their emotions of pleasure and pride on saluting you as their guest.

As the largest community in North Carolina, and as the only one to which the opportunity is offered, we desire, by our attentions on this occasion to recognize the energy and patriotism which conducted you, a North Carolinian, to the proudest station in the world, and to respond to that affection, which, by your words and your acts, we know you yet cherish for the State of your nativity. It was on this soil you had your birth; it was at our University you received those lessons of morality and wisdom, which in your public life have crowned you with success—for it was there you returned amid the flush of your worldly honors with filial gratitude and reverence.

We claim the benefit of these reminiscences, and, mindful that next to the sense of religious duty and moral feeling, nothing bears with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind, than a consciousness of an alliance with worth and honor; as North Carolinians, we claim and welcome you as a North Carolinian!

As Americans, we welcome you for, under your guidance and foresight, while the rest of the world has been rocked by convulsions, and reeling with inherent weakness, our Republic has enjoyed unexampled prosperity, and rapidly advanced in all the elements of National Greatness. In political economy, it was reserved for you and your excellent Cabinet, to establish as National axioms, what for nearly the whole course of our history as a government, had been looked upon as party problems. In international brotherhood, it was your privilege to commission the first national vessel ever sent on a like errand, bearing from our land of abundance, to the starvation of an unfortunate people.

As our Chief Magistrate, you have been called upon to embody and express the Nation's sympathy with long oppressed and now struggling Europe.

As the Executive of our government, you have ably conducted and successfully terminated a war, glorious in its victories and inspiring in its memories.

You recognized and upheld that great truth, "The principle of free government adheres to American soil—is bedded in it, immovable as its mountains"—for result, we behold regions large enough for empires added to our public domain. The Pacific wave now breaks upon the Western shore of our Continent with the same Republican murmur which our Atlantic shore has heard since 1776. Good the comforts and refinements—the good laws and free government we enjoy, will spread like a blessing over our new possessions; cities, towns, farms, churches, and happy homesteads, will arise and adorn them. Navies will ride in their waters, and the same kind Providence which has watched over us will receive under its care a new, religious, and happy population—and the golden hand of our Union encircle a new constellation of happy and prosperous States.

Upon all this, from your retirement in Tennessee, you may look with an honorable and ever increasing pride. Upon all this, Time and Posterity, looking with more and more approval at the fruits of your public service, will become better understood and appreciated, will assign you your appropriate niche in the Pantheon of our Great Men. Regarding America as she stood in 1844, and as she stands now in 1849, we hail you as one whom the people should delight to honor, and are happy that to us the opportunity is first offered of adding our congratulations to that pleasing consciousness of duty, honorably and successfully discharged, which must soothe and delight the remainder of your life.

Again, to you, and the ladies, and the honorable gentlemen who accompany you, we extend a most respectful and cordial welcome.

MR. POLK'S REPLY.

MR. POLK immediately spoke in reply, expressing and exhibiting his emotion at this testimonial of the esteem of the people of his native State. You remark truly, sir, says he, that I still cherish affection for my native State. I receive its welcome as the blessing of an honored parent. North Carolina can boast of glorious reminiscences, and is entitled to rank with, or far above, many who make greater pretensions. It was from her—her Counties of Mecklenburg, New Hanover, and Bladen—that the news of treason in the Colonies first went to the ears of the British Crown, and the spirit of independence was aroused. This said, he had for a long time been doubtful, but has incontestably been proved by certain documents which, having lately been rescued from the British archives, I have had the honor and gratification to transmit to your Governor. Whatever I may have done as the President of this people, has been done with a desire to secure their happiness. My greatest consolation and gratification, in retirement, will be—if I should be so happy as to obtain it—the approval of my fellow-citizens. In administering the government, I have acted solely upon principle—leaving the result to God, conscience and my Country. You have said truly, sir, that our boundaries are now the Oceans—and such are our new acquisitions, that if by a kind Providence, this glorious Union shall be preserved, we must command the commerce and admiration of the world. Our fears of arms in Mexico secure us from all apprehension of foreign foes. To you, sir, and those associated with you, and to my fellow-citizens here present, I return my sincere thanks for this cordial welcome.

Mr. Polk was peculiarly happy in his remarks, though he appeared much harassed by his journey, and was laboring under an attack of influenza.

DEPARTURE OF MR. POLK.

Mr. Polk and Suite went off yesterday in the Charleston Boat, amidst the roar of cannon, and the greetings of hundreds, who on horseback, tandem, and foot, had gone to witness his departure. He carries with him the best wishes of all our citizens. His cordial manners and pleasing address have won for him many new friends among us.

Programme of proceedings upon the reception of Ex-President JAMES K. POLK and Suite, in the town of Wilmington, where they are expected to arrive on the morning of the 7th.

Upon the arrival of the Cars, a gun will be fired, as a signal for the flags to be hoisted at the public stations, and by the Shipping in port, (which Masters of Vessels are respectfully requested to attend to,) and for the firing of the salute at the Market Dock, and the ringing of the bells.

They will be received at the Depot by the Commissioners of the Town, and welcomed to the hospitalities of the place, and the freedom thereof tendered them by the Magistrate of Police.

A procession will then be formed in the following order, under the direction of WILLIAM N. PEBEN, Chief Marshal, and WILLIAM J. PRICE, JOHN HEDWICK, and GERRARD L. DUBREY, Assistant Marshals, who will be designated by red sashes, viz:

The Ex-President and Suite in Carriages; Magistrate of Police, Commissioners of the Town, and Town Officers;

Officers of the Army and Navy;

Custom-House Officers;

Musicians;

Citizens in file, by double file;

Upon the arrival of the Ex-President and Suite at their quarters, they will be welcomed, on behalf of the citizens of the Town, by WILLIAM HILL, Esq.

After which, at the hour named by the Ex-President and Suite as most convenient for them, (notice of which will be given by the firing of a gun and the ringing of the Town bell,) they will be escorted by the Commissioners of the Town to the Masonic Hall, where they will receive such of their fellow-citizens as see fit to call upon them.

Upon their departure, they will be escorted to the Boat by the Commissioners of the Town and Officers, and a salute fired as the Boat passes the Town.

JAS. T. MILLER, } Committee
WM. C. HOWARD, } of Arrangements.
L. H. MARSTELLER, }
Wilmington, N. C., 3d March, 1849.

LECTURE ON THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.—We are indebted to the Hon. A. W. Venable, member of Congress from North Carolina, for a pamphlet copy of a "Lecture on the North and South, delivered before the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, of Cincinnati, Ohio, January 16, 1849, by Elwood Fisher." We have been agreeably entertained in giving the address an attentive perusal, and shall endeavor to give some interesting extracts from it in our next issue.

63-A week or two since, an advertisement inadvertently appeared in this paper of a personal nature. To-day a reply has been ordered. Of course, under the circumstances, we are bound to shew no impartiality. But we now give special notice, that, from this day henceforth, no advertisement of a personal nature will be allowed to appear in our columns—at any price.

COLONIAL HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We commence this week the publication of copies of documents, found in the British archives, by our Minister, Mr. Bancroft, and transmitted by him to President Polk. These documents were presented to the Governor of this State by Mr. Polk, some weeks since. They will be found highly interesting, exhibiting, as they do, the condition of North Carolina during her Colonial subjugation to the British Crown, and the effective means adopted by our ancestors to throw off the shackles of British tyranny. They will doubtless be read with great interest.

STEAMER GUADALQUIVIR.—We announced in an extra on last Friday evening, the arrival of the above Spanish Steamer at this port, in a wrecked condition. See fourth page. The G. is now being repaired of the damages she sustained at sea, and will, we learn, also go on the ways, if she can be taken up, for the purpose of cleaning her bottom.

In order to close up the proceedings of Congress, and present to our readers the Inaugural Address of the new President in to-day's paper, we have reluctantly omitted many things we desired to notice.

CONSTABLE'S ELECTION.—On Monday last, an election was held at the Court-House in this town, for two Constables for the District. A multiplicity of candidates were in the field. Thos. L. Holden and Fred. Swan were the successful competitors.

THE NEW CABINET.—The following is said to be the composition of the new Cabinet. Whether Gen. Taylor be an ultra whig or not, a whig—"so"—as Falstaff says, or not, one thing is pretty certain, that the following gentlemen are Federalists—"black and blue" Federalists, and no mistake; they are both "hot and strong":

Clayton, of Del.	Secretary of State,
Prentiss, of Penn.	" Treasury,
Meriden, of N. Y.	" Navy,
Crawford, of Ga.	" War,
Exwing, of Ohio.	P. M. General,
Johnson, of Md.	Attorney General.

CONCERT.—The reader's attention is called to the Concert, advertised in this day's paper. We learn that the parties are highly commended for their talents, and we doubt not our citizens will be pleased by visiting Mozart Hall to-night.

63-We regret our inability to publish this week, the interesting and extraordinary correspondence between Senators Shields and Breese, in relation to the election of the former, which is now going the rounds of the press.

HON. EDMUND BURKE.

The following letter to the Editor of the Union, is deserving of all praise; and it affords us no little pleasure in speaking it before our readers. That there will be a complete slaughter of old and faithful public officers, by the new administration, we have not the least doubt. In a short time, and the guillotine axe will be put in operation. But it is better, far better, as the Union justly remarks, "To be stricken down in the path of independence than to consent to sacrifice one's principles at the feet of power. If Gen. Taylor or his Secretaries should consent to sacrifice such men to the Moloch of party, be it so!" "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

MR. BURKE acts precisely as an independent and talented citizen should act under such circumstances.

TO THE EDITOR.

I observe in the "Union" of this morning a communication headed "The Commissioner of Patents—Office Seekers," and referring to the manner in which I have administered the Patent Office with regard to appointments and removals. The communication, I am bound to presume, and I believe, is from a friendly source, and prompted by the kindest feeling towards me personally. But I feel it due to myself to say that I was prepared and published without my knowledge, consent, or approbation. Without intending it, doubtless, the author, by referring to my official course since I have been Commissioner of Patents, has placed me in the position of a suppliant for the mercy of the incoming President. My own sense of personal dignity and self-respect forbids that I should occupy any such position.

I disagree in principle with the party that has been elevated to power in the person of Gen. Taylor; and as an honest man, who seems to sacrifice his principles, opinions, or independence for any office in the gift of the President elect, I opposed his election, anticipating that it would result in the elevation of a party to power whose policy I believe to be detrimental to the best interests of the country.

I can hold no office under any President except upon the condition that I am permitted to enjoy the free and independent expression of my opinions upon political as well as all other subjects.

I am among the vanquished in this last victorious battle of Gen. Taylor—am subject to the will of the conqueror, and am ready to abide my fate, whatever it may be. And what ever it may be, I shall meet it in a manner becoming a true American citizen, who can stoop to be a hypocrite nor a time-server, in or out of office, and who is too proud to crave mercy from his enemies.

EDMUND BURKE.

WASHINGTON, February 18, 1849.

Hon. MR. HANNEGAN, late Senator from Indiana, has been appointed by the President, and with the consent of the Senate, envoy extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Prussia.

Col. JOHNSON.—We learn that the remains of Col. Wm. R. Johnson (whose death we announced a few weeks since), arrived here on the steamer Gladiator from Charleston, on Sunday last, and were conveyed on the cars to his residence in Virginia for interment.

The President's Last Driving-Room—12 o'clock Wednesday Night.—Washington has never witnessed so brilliant a company as was assembled this night in the White House. All the lower rooms were filled, and gaiety and refinement resided over the elegant assembly. We must truly say, we never witnessed a more splendid spectacle. The motive of the meeting—the immense multitude which thronged these extensive rooms—the talent and moral force, and distinguished men and beautiful women, that graced the assembly, constituted one of the most remarkable scenes which we have ever witnessed. Gen. Taylor was not present, as we had hoped he would be. Gen. Cass was there, in good looks and gay spirits. A Washington could never boast of a more splendid spectacle. 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A story called on a benevolent lady friend of mine to make a piteous yarn of destitution, reproaching her to relieve the starving wants of a poor family. The lady presented a fine curel of shoulder of pork. In about half an hour the curel was returned and said, "Pleas marm, can't you take this back and give a ham, as mother says she has too many shoulders?"

Cin. Chron.

Fifty three Sabbaths in '48 — There were 53 Sabbaths last year. In the hundred years, from 1849 to 1949, says a correspondent of the New York Evening Post, there will be nineteen of these years.

of party, or temper with moderation; the confidence of those who are only divided as to the expediency of securing the public welfare.

Having been reminded that he was about to occupy the chair so long filled by Washington, he said he could not but to formulate his only wish, the singleness of the aims which guided the conduct of the men who had no parallel in history, and could have no rival "in the hearts of his countrymen."

In conclusion, he announced his readiness to take the oath of office on the fifth of March proximo, at such hour and place as might be designated; and expressed his acknowledgments in thanks for the manner in which the duties were discharged.

N. B.—All accounts standing on my book over six months, will be charged with interest. As persons indebted to the subscriber for last year will please call and settle, as by so doing they may prevent what would be disagreeable to them and unpleasant to him, as persons sometimes have to do unpleasant things in self-defence. J. J. C.

March 9, 1848

COW PEAS.
500 BUSHELS, for sale by
m2 **HOWARD & PEDEN.**

WOODEN AND WILLOW WARE.
All varieties, for sale low at
m2 **HOWARD & PEDEN'S.**

Timber—Sales of 4 rafts during the week at prices ranging from \$4 to \$5 per M, according to quality. The receipts have been quite light and but few rafts remain un sold.

Freights—Have advanced a shade. Se table for last rates paid.

NEWBORN, March 5.—Turpentine—Supplies of this article continue moderate, and prices are uniform at \$2 15 for dip, and \$1 20 for scrape. Tar—Unchanged, price \$1 15. Corn—Receipts moderate; price \$1 90 a c. 95. Peas—Cow peas, 35 a 40c. Beans—Small sales at 67 c. Lard—Sales 7 a 8 c.

(LATE HANOVER HOUSE),
FROST STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C.
THIS HOUSE has lately been re-opened, under the superintendence of the undersigned, who have given it a thorough overhauling, and newly furnished it throughout. They pledge themselves that nothing shall be wanting, for their part, to render the patron as satisfied and comfortable as possible.

Their Tables and Chambers are so fully furnished and attended on by as faithful servants, as can be found in any other Hotel in the Southern States.

The Omnibus will be found ready at the Cars and Steamboats, carrying baggage, free, to and from the Hotel.

HUTCHINS & MASALON
January 19, 1922 - (19-19000)

I hereby certify that I have known Miss Alice Stallings between twenty-five and thirty years. I never knew or heard any thing against her veracity, and I state that she has been a worthy and acceptable member of the Baptist Church for many years. I also certify that there is nothing against Miss Mary Ann Savage as far as I know or ever heard of; she was born and brought up in my neighborhood. Given under my hand this the 15th day of Feb. 1849.

SOLOMON TURNER.

The above is submitted to the public.

J. P. JORDON.

Feb 23, 1849—24-36

From Iron, Smoothing Irons, Fire-Dogs, Shovel and
Tongers; 35 kgs Nails, assorted sizes, and a large
lot of Staw, Wood, and Willow Ware, now hand-
ling from a/cr Urcia.
F35) **PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.**

JUST RECEIVED,
From Fayetteville, and for sale cheap: 100 bbls
No. 1, fine, and superfine soap; 50 bbls old Whiskey;
5 bales Sheet; 8 bales Spun Yarn.
F9) **C. HOLMES.**

BACK COUNTRY LIQUOR.
10 Bbls Apple Brandy; 10 bbls old Whiskey,
[Dec. 1] For sale by **W. L. SMITH.**

Friday, March 9, 1849.

THE INAUGURAL.

Our readers will find in today's Journal, President Taylor's Inaugural Address, which was delivered on the 5th March, in presence of both Houses of Congress, and a large number of spectators. With the exception of the particular and professional reference to the "Army and Navy," and "the improvement of Harbors and Rivers," we cannot find, in such a combination of generalities, much either to approve or condemn. It possesses all the brevity of Gen. Taylor's revised publications—The apparent sincerity of purpose, which is, in fact, its leading feature, is worthy the occupant of so exalted an office. Like the glorious sun, whose beams are illuminating us this day, the administration of Gen. Taylor opens with rich promises of usefulness and honor. Scarcely a cloud is to be seen in the political horizon; God grant that we may never have occasion to call the public notice to the alarming growth and blackness of a little speck, which, unless we mistake not, will yet deluge us in the horrors of tempest and ruin.

RECEPTION OF MR. POLK.

At ten o'clock, on Wednesday morning last, the loud boom of the signal gun at the Rail Road Depot announced the arrival of North Carolina's distinguished son, Ex-President James K. Polk, and his suite—consisting of Hon. R. J. WALKER, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. Polk was received at the Depot, by the Commissioners, and in a neat speech the hospitalities and freedom of the town were tendered to him by JAMES T. MILLER, Esq., Magistrate of Police.

A procession was then formed at the Depot, which escorted the President and Suite, in carriages, to Mrs. SWANN'S Hotel, where in the presence of a large multitude of persons of both sexes, they were welcomed in a highly eloquent and creditable manner by WILLIAM HILL, Esq., and at 12 o'clock he received visitors at the Masonic Hall.

During the passage of the procession Mr. Polk was received with every demonstration of respect and applause, by the vast concourse of persons who filled the side walks and balconies, from which many a "snowy scarf fluttered to the breeze." Without regard to all former differences of opinion, every one seemed anxious to do him honor.

We publish below the speeches of the occasion, or rather a synopsis of them, kindly reported for us on the spot, by a friend. We know that we but reflect the common sentiment and feeling of the entire community, when we welcome Mr. Polk to this his native soil, and wish him and his lady every happiness, in a retirement rendered necessary by the cares of office, and honorable in the retrospect of public services of a high and meritorious character.

Soon after the arrival of the Ex-President, the Steamer from Charleston here in sight, and when she touched her wharf, a committee were in attendance to wait on the committee of Invitation from Charleston—consisting of Col. Andrews, Messrs. Cooper, Gray, Macbeth, and Cogdell—to whom the hospitalities of the Town were extended. They were then escorted in Carriages to the Rooms provided for them, and at half past 12 o'clock were presented to Mr. Polk, at the Masonic Hall, where Col. Andrews tendered to him, in an appropriate speech, the hospitalities of our sister City, Charleston; to which Mr. Polk, in his usually graceful style, responded, accepting the invitation.

MR. HILL'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Polk—I have the honor to tender to you the welcome of my fellow-citizens of Wilmington, and to express their emotions of pleasure and pride on saluting you as their guest.

As the largest community in North Carolina, and as the only one to which the opportunity is offered, we desire, by our attentions on this occasion to recognize the energy and patriotism which conducted you, a North Carolinian, to the proudest station in the world, and to respond to that affection, which, by your words and your acts, we know you feel for the State of your nativity. It was on this soil you had your birth; it was at this University you received those lessons of morality and wisdom, which in your public life have crowned you with success—for it was there you returned amid the flush of your worldly honors with filial gratitude and reverence.

We claim the benefit of these reminiscences; and, mindful that next to the sense of religious duty and moral feeling, nothing bears with stronger obligation on a liberal and enlightened mind, than a consciousness of an alliance with worth and honor; as North Carolinians, we claim and welcome you as a North Carolinian!

As Americans, we welcome you! for, under your guidance and foresight, while the rest of the world has been reeling by convulsions, and reeling with inherent weakness, our Republic America has enjoyed unexampled prosperity, and rapidly advanced in all the elements of National Greatness. In political economy, it was reserved for you and your excellent Cabinet, to establish as National axioms, what for nearly the whole course of our history as a government, had been looked upon as party problems. In international brotherhood, it was your privilege to commission the first national vessel ever sent on a like errand, bearing from our land of abundance, to the starvation of an unfortunate people.

As our Chief Magistrate, you have been called upon to embody and express the Nation's sympathy with long oppressed and now struggling Europe.

As the Executive of our government, you have ably conducted and successfully terminated a war, glorious in its victories and inspiring in its memories.

You recognized and upheld that great truth, "The principle of free government adheres to American soil—is bedded in it, immovable as its mountains"—for result, we behold regions enough for empires added to our public domain, and we wave no breaks upon your Continent with the Atlantic.

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over our new possessions; cities, towns, farms, churches, and happy homesteads, will arise and adorn them. Navies will ride in their waters, and the same kind Providence which has watched over us will receive under its care a new, religious, and happy population—and the golden band of our Union encircle a new constellation of happy and prosperous States.

Upon all this, from your retirement in Tennessee, you may look with an honorable and ever-increasing pride. Upon all this, Time and Posterity, looking with more and more approval at the fruits of your public service become better understood and appreciated, will assign you your appropriate niche in the Pantheon of our Great Men. Regarding America as she stood in 1844, and as she stands now in 1849, we hail you as one whom the people should delight to honor, and are happy that to us the opportunity is first offered of adding our congratulations to that pleasing consciousness of duty, honorably and successfully discharged, which must soothe and delight the remainder of your life.

Again, to you, and the ladies, and the honorable gentlemen who accompany you, we extend a most respectful and cordial welcome.

MR. POLK'S REPLY.

Mr. Polk immediately spoke in reply, expressing and exhibiting his emotion at this testimonial of the esteem of the people of his native State. You remark truly, sir, says he, that I still cherish affection for my native State. I receive its welcome as the blessing of an honored parent. North Carolina can boast of glorious reminiscences, and is entitled to rank with, or far above, many who make greater pretensions. It was from her—her Counties of Mecklenburg, New Hanover, and Bladen—that the news of treason in the Colonies first went to the ears of the British Crown, and the spirit of independence was aroused. This, said he, had for a long time been doubted, but has incontestably been proved by certain documents which, having lately been rescued from the British archives, I have had the honor and gratification to transmit to your Governor. Whatever I may have done as the President of this people, has been done with a desire to secure their happiness. My greatest consolation and gratification, in retirement, will be—if I should be so happy as to obtain it—the approval of my fellow-citizens. In administering the government, I have acted solely upon principle—leaving the result to God, conscience and my Country. You have said truly, sir, that our boundaries are now the Ocean—and such are our new acquisitions, that if by a kind Providence, this glorious Union shall be preserved, we must command the commerce and admiration of the world. Our fests of arms in Mexico secure us from all apprehension of foreign foes. To you, sir, and those associated with you, and to my fellow-citizens here present, I return my sincere thanks for this cordial welcome.

Mr. Polk was peculiarly happy in his remarks, though he appeared much harassed by his journey, and was laboring under an attack of influenza.

DEPARTURE OF MR. POLK.

Mr. Polk and Suite went off yesterday in the Charleston Boat, amid the roar of cannon, and the greetings of hundreds, who on horseback, tandem, and foot, had gone to witness his departure. He carried with him the best wishes of all our citizens. His cordial manners and pleasing address have won for him many new friends among us.

Programme of proceedings upon the reception of Ex-President James K. Polk and Suite, in the town of Wilmington, where they are expected to arrive on the morning of the 7th.

Upon the arrival of the Cars, a gun will be fired, as a signal for the flags to be hoisted at the public stations, and by the Shipping in port, (which Masters of Vessels are respectfully requested to attend to,) and for the firing of the salute at the Market Dock, and the ringing of the bells.

They will be received at the Depot by the Commissioners of the Town, and welcomed to the hospitalities of the place, and the freedom thereof tendered them by the Magistrate of Police.

A procession will then be formed in the following order, under the direction of WILLIAM N. PAXEN, Chief Marshal, and WILLIAM J. PRICE, JOHN HEDRICK, and GUILFORD L. DUNDY, Assistant Marshals, who will be designated by red sashes, viz:

The Ex-President and Suite in Carriages; Magistrate of Police, Commissioners of the Town, and Town Officers; Officers of the Army and Navy; Custom-House Officers; Music; Citizens in line, by double file;

Upon the arrival of the Ex-President and Suite at their quarters, they will be welcomed, on behalf of the citizens of the Town, by WILLIAM HILL, Esq.

After which, at the hour named by the Ex-President and Suite as most convenient for them, (notice of which will be given by the firing of a gun and the ringing of the Town bell,) they will be escorted by the Commissioners of the Town to the Masonic Hall, where they will receive such of their fellow-citizens as see fit to call upon them.

Upon their departure, they will be escorted to the Boat by the Commissioners of the Town and Officers, and a salute fired as the Boat passes the Town.

JAS. T. MILLER, Committee of Arrangement.
WM. C. HOWARD, do.
L. H. MARSTELLER, do.
Wilmington, N. C., 3d March, 1849.

LECTURE ON THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

We are indebted to the Hon. A. W. Venable, member of Congress from North Carolina, for a pamphlet copy of a "Lecture on the North and South, delivered before the Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, of Cincinnati, Ohio, January 16, 1849, by Elwood Fisher." We have been agreeably entertained in giving the address an attentive perusal, and shall endeavor to give some interesting extracts from it in our next issue.

On a week or two since, an advertisement inadvertently appeared in this paper of a personal nature. To-day a reply has been ordered. Of course, under the circumstances, we are bound to shew no impartiality. But we now give special notice, that, from this day henceforth, no advertisement of a personal nature will be allowed to appear in our columns—at any price.

COLONIAL HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

We commence this week the publication of copies of documents, found in the British archives, by our Minister, Mr. Beaumont, and transmitted by him to President Polk. These documents were presented to the Governor of this State by Mr. Polk, some weeks since. They will be found highly interesting, exhibiting, as they do, the condition of North Carolina during her Colonial subjugation to the British Crown, and the effective means adopted by our ancestors to throw off the shackles of British tyranny. They will doubtless be read by all.

STEAMER GUADALUPE.—We announced in an extra on last Friday evening, the arrival of the above Spanish Steamer at this port, in a wrecked condition. See fourth page. The G. is now being repaired of the damages she sustained at sea, and will, we learn, also go on the ways, if she can be taken up, for the purpose of cleaning her bottom.

IN-ORDER TO CLOSE UP THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS, and present to our readers the Inaugural Address of the new President in today's paper, we have reluctantly omitted many things we desired to notice.

CONSTABLE'S ELECTION.—On Monday last, an election was held at the Court-House in this town, for two Constables for the District. A multiplicity of candidates were in the field. Thos. L. Holden and Fred. Swan were the successful competitors.

THE NEW CABINET.—The following is said to be the composition of the new Cabinet. Whether Gen. Taylor be an ultra whig or not, a whig—"so"—as Falstaff says, or not, one thing is pretty certain, that the following gentlemen are Federalists—"black and blue" Federalists, and no mistake; they are both "hot and strong":

Clayton, of Del.	Secretary of State.
Meredith, of Penn.	" " Treasury.
Preston, of Va.	" " Navy.
Crawford, of Ga.	" " War.
Ewing, of Ohio.	P. M. General.
Johnson, of Md.	Attorney General.

CONCERT.—The reader's attention is called to the Concert, advertised in this day's paper. We learn that the parties are highly commended for their talents, and we doubt not our citizens will be pleased by visiting Mozart Hall to-night.

WE regret our inability to publish, this week, the interesting and extraordinary correspondence between Senators Shields and Breese, in relation to the election of the former, which is now going the rounds of the press.

HON. EDMUND BURKE.

The following letter to the Editor of the Union, is deserving of all praise; and it affords us no little pleasure in spreading it before our readers. That there will be a complete slaughtering of old and faithful public officers, by the new administration, we have not the least doubt. In a short time, and the guillotine axe will be put in operation. But it is better, far better, as the *Union* justly remarks, "To be stricken down in the path of independence than consent to sacrifice one's principles at the feet of power. If Gen. Taylor or his Secretaries should consent to sacrifice such men to the Moloch of party, be it not 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.'"

Mr. Burke acts precisely as an independent and talented citizen should act under such circumstances.

TO THE EDITOR.

I observe in the "Union" of this morning a communication headed "The Commissioner of Patents—Office Seekers," and referring to the manner in which I have administered the Patent Office with regard to appointments and removals. The communication, I am bound to presume, and I believe, is from a friendly source, and prompted by the kindest feelings towards me personally. But I feel it due to myself to say that I was prepared and prepared without my knowledge, consent, or approval. Without intending it, doubtless, the author, by referring to my official course since I have been in the office, of friendly source, and prompted by the kindest feelings towards me personally. But I feel it due to myself to say that I was prepared and prepared without my knowledge, consent, or approval. Without intending it, doubtless, the author, by referring to my official course since I have been in the office, of friendly source, and prompted by the kindest feelings towards me personally. 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